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INDOCHINA POLITICAL

I. Re Bao Dai, it becoming less likely
he will return Vietnam, [REDACTED]

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A. [REDACTED] most French
and Vietnamese plans call for
his dismissal.

B. But we feel Bao Dai will not
be easily fired. He may well
try to stay in France and pull
strings from there.

II. Able Governor Tri of Tonkin trying
to find government to which address
his resignation.

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B. US Chargé at Saigon fears sudden plea from Tri or Vietnam government to US for Dunkirk-like sea lift of sizable part Tonkin population.

III. One of key French officials Indochina emphasizes disintegration in Central and South Vietnam.

- A. He says Vietnam army not now a defense but a danger.
- B. Also says Viet Minh sending battle-hardened Tonkinese cadres to South Vietnam to stiffen its forces there.